

## **CHEYENNE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

### **General Release of Information / Consent Form**

I authorize the Cheyenne Housing Authority (CHA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to obtain the information listed below for the purpose of determining my eligibility to receive or continue to receive housing assistance or otherwise participate in programs operated by, administered by, or overseen by CHA. CHA may use this release to make inquiries or secure information from any source whatsoever, including a person, business, governmental entity, or organization that has, or may have, any information listed below. If CHA makes any negative determination(s) based upon the information obtained, I will have an opportunity to contest such determinations.

- Information necessary to authenticate preference claims;
- Rental history records and references, including but not limited to, information about the ability to pay rent, the ability to abide by the rules of the lease, take care of rental property, and get along well with neighbors;
- Non-residential references from individuals with whom a professional relationship has been established, and references from neighbors, community, and relatives;
- Information from employers regarding wages, salary and duration of employment.
- Criminal history information, including fingerprint submission where necessary to effect positive identification. This includes, but is not limited to, criminal history information generated, stored, accumulated, assembled, or reported by local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies or entities even if that information is otherwise restricted, confidential, or protected from release by local, state, or federal law;
- Information about or concerning me which has been created by or is in the possession of any state, local, or law enforcement agency or any prosecutorial entity (including, but not limited to such entities as district attorney's offices, city attorney's offices, or county attorney's offices) related to any suspected, investigated, alleged, charged, or convicted criminal activities. This release applies even if such information is otherwise restricted, confidential, or protected from release by local, state, or federal law. This information which I am authorizing the release of would include, but not be limited to, investigation reports, arrest reports, statements of witnesses, complaining parties, or other persons, photographs, recordings, documents and materials collected in the course of investigations or prosecutions, citations, tickets, referrals for charges, booking sheets, detention reports, charging documents, plea bargain paperwork, pleas, verdicts, transcripts, sentencing documents, probation documents, and all other such documents related to the topics referred to in this paragraph.
- Information on payment history and balances owed to utility companies;
- Services provided by individuals or agencies which are relevant to the ability to pay rent, take care of rental property, and get along well with neighbors and community;
- U.S. Social Security Administration and U.S. Internal Revenue Service;
- Income and asset information from any source, including State Wage Information Collection Agencies, for all family members;
- Immigration status, citizenship status, and legal identity verification;

- School registration for minor children, and for family members over the age of 18 where required to establish program eligibility;
- Registration in educational or vocational training programs including information about participation/completion of such programs;
- Verification of disability or handicap if necessary for program eligibility (not including details of actual disability or handicap);
- Verification of need for reasonable accommodation, if requested;
- Credit reports and/or tenant screening reports from private screening contractors;
- Outstanding debts to other housing agencies.

This Consent expires 15 months after I sign it. I may revoke this General Release of Information / Consent Form by notifying the CHA in writing. If I revoke this General Release of Information / Consent Form, I understand that future housing assistance may not be provided and/or that my participation in assistance or other programs may be denied or terminated. I hereby release any and all persons, businesses, governmental entities, or organizations that disclose, share, or otherwise provide information to the CHA and/or to HUD pursuant to this release from any and all claims or liability which would or might otherwise arise from the disclosure, sharing or providing of such information without such a release having been given by me. This Consent Form is being signed knowingly and voluntarily without coercion.

Head of Household (printed name)	Signature	Date
Co-Head (printed name)	Signature	Date
Other Adult 18 years of age or older	Signature	Date
Other Adult 18 years of age or older	Signature	Date

**Who must sign the Consent Form:** Each member of your household 18 years of age or older must sign the Consent Form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age. Criminal background checks will be run on anyone in the household 18 years of age or older.

**Failure to sign Consent Form:** Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to CHA's Housing Choice Voucher informal hearing/review procedures or Public Housing informal review/grievance process.

**Privacy Act Notice. Authority:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of each household member six years old or older. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including Social Security Numbers issued to you and all other household members age six years and older. Provision of Social Security Numbers of all household members is mandatory, failure to provide Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility application.

**Penalties for misusing this Consent:** HUD, CHA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, CHA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosure or improper use of information collected based on the Consent Form. Use of the information collected based on this form is restricted to the purposes cited on the form. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains, or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other appropriate relief against the officer or employee of HUD or the CHA.